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Summary Of Legislation Before The Joint Standing and Select Committees
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We are pleased to provide this summary of all bills that were considered by the Joint Standing and Select Committees of the Maine Legislature this past session. The document is a compilation of bill summaries which describe each bill and relevant amendments, as well as the final action taken. Also included are statistical summaries of bill activity this session for the Legislature and each of its joint standing and select committees.

The document is organized for convenient reference to information on bills considered by the committees. It is organized by committees and within committees by bill (LD) number. The committee report(s), prime sponsor for each bill and the lead co-sponsor(s), if designated, are listed below each bill title. All adopted amendments are listed by paper number. Two indices, a subject index and a numerical index by LD number are provided for easy reference to bills. They are located at the back of the document. A separate publication, History and Final Disposition of Legislative Documents, may also be helpful in providing information on the disposition of bills. These bill summaries also are available at the Law and Legislative Reference Library and on the Internet (www.state.me.us/legis/opla).

Final action on each bill is noted to the right of the bill title. The abbreviations used for various categories of final action are as follows:

CARRIED OVER.....Bill carried over to Second Regular Session
CON RES XXX..... Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses
CONF CMTE UNABLE TO AGREE.....Committee of Conference unable to agree; bill died
DIED BETWEEN BODIES.....House & Senate disagree; bill died
DIED IN CONCURRENCE..... One body accepts ONTP report; the other indefinitely postpones the bill
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT.....Action incomplete when session ended; bill died
EMERGENCY..... Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days
ENACTMENT FAILED..... Bill failed to get vote required for enactment or final passage
NOT PROPERLY BEFORE THE BODY..... Ruled out of order by the presiding officers; bill died
INDEF PP.....Bill Indefinitely Postponed
ONTP..... Ought Not To Pass report accepted
OTP ND..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft
OTP ND/NT..... Committee report Ought To Pass In New Draft/New Title
P&S XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law
PUBLIC XXX..... Chapter # of enacted Public Law
RESOLVE XXX..... Chapter # of finally passed Resolve
UNSIGNED.....Bill held by Governor
VETO SUSTAINED.....Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto

Please note the effective date for all non-emergency legislation enacted in the First Regular Session (unless otherwise specified in a particular law) is September 18, 1999.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> COWGER KILKELLY	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-102
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LD 1210 proposed to expand the authority of the Department of Human Services to adopt rules governing licensing of persons to evaluate soils and to design subsurface wastewater disposal systems. The bill also proposed to raise fees for the examination of licensed site evaluators and the site evaluator license.

This bill was submitted on behalf of the Department of Human Services.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-102) proposed to add a fiscal note to the bill.

Enacted law summary

Public Law 1999, chapter 86 expands the authority of the Department of Human Services to adopt rules governing licensing of persons to evaluate soils and to design subsurface wastewater disposal systems including the competence and ethics of licensees and the revocation of licenses. This law also raises fees for the examination of licensed site evaluators and the site evaluator license to cover the cost of administering the program.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER KONTOS	<u>Committee Report</u> OTP-AM	<u>Amendments Adopted</u> H-131 S-393 MICHAUD
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LD 1228 proposed to require the Department of Human Services to adopt rules increasing the payments to foster parents by \$50 per month. It also proposed to designate the rules as routine technical rules.

Committee Amendment "A" (H-131) proposed to add an appropriation and an allocation.

Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-393) proposed to change the effective date of the increase to October 1, 2000 and change the appropriations and allocations to reflect this date.

The bill as amended was enacted by the Legislature and subsequently vetoed by the Governor.

<u>Sponsor(s)</u> TESSIER	<u>Committee Report</u> ONTP	<u>Amendments Adopted</u>
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